

**THE CITY OF DEXTER  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2021**

**A. CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The City Council Meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM by Mayor Keough and was held at 3515 Broad Street and online via Zoom.

**B. ROLL CALL:**

Sanam Arab – Present  
Paul Cousins – Present remotely from the City of Dexter, MI  
Donna Fisher – Present remotely from the City of Alma, MI  
Jamie Griffin – Present  
Wa-Louisa Hubbard – Present  
Zach Michels – Present remotely from the City of Dexter, MI  
Mayor Shawn Keough – Present

Student Representatives:  
Alex Gilbert – Present  
Eren Buyukbozkirli – Present

Also attending: Justin Breyer, City Manager and City Clerk; Dan Schlaff, Public Services Superintendent; Pamela Weber, Recording Secretary; residents; and media

Also attending remotely: Robert Smith, Dexter Area Fire Department Chief

**C. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

1. Regular City Council Meeting – December 13, 2021

Motion Griffin; support Fisher to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting.  
Ayes: Griffin, Michels, Fisher, Cousins, Hubbard, Arab, Keough  
Nays: None  
Motion carries

Ms. Griffin would like her “Council Comments” in the minutes to be as follows: “We all come to this table with different perspectives and mine is that my loyalty lies first with residents. It is their hard-earned tax dollars that are paying for this show and I hope to always review city expenditures with a critical eye based on that fact.”

**D. PRE-ARRANGED PARTICIPATION**

None

#### **E. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion Fisher; support Cousins to approve the Agenda as presented.

Ayes: Hubbard, Arab, Griffin, Fisher, Cousins, Michels, Keough

Nays: None

Motion carries

#### **F. DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

Mr. Michels will abstain from voting on the consent agenda because the items involve his employer, Carlisle-Wortman Associates.

#### **G. PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

None

#### **H. NON-ARRANGED PARTICIPATION**

None

#### **I. COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. Upcoming Meeting List

#### **J. REPORTS:**

1. Public Services Superintendent – Dan Schlaff

Mr. Schlaff provided his written report as per packet. Mr. Schlaff provided the following updates to the two-week report:

- The ice rink is in place. Mr. Breyer sends out emails and posts on Facebook when the rink is frozen and open for use.
- The water break at Ann Arbor and Baker Rd last Thursday was handled by the utilities department. The break was evaluated for payment responsibility. Public Services spoke with the landlord of the property to inform them of their responsibility. The ground at the location is low and will be filled in as weather permits.

Mayor Keough thanked Mr. Schlaff for speaking with the builder about the road closure in the Westridge subdivision.

2. Community Development Manager – Michelle Aniol

Ms. Aniol submitted her written report as per packet. In Ms. Aniol's absence, Mr. Breyer explained the coverage plan for Ms. Aniol's upcoming absence and the importance of support from Carlisle-Wortman Associates for Temporary Staffing Assistance.

3. Board, Commission, & Other Reports-

Washtenaw County Sheriff:

Lt. Alan Hunt submitted his written report as per packet. There were no questions or comments from Council.

4. Subcommittee Reports

None

5. City Manager Report – Justin Breyer

Mr. Breyer submitted his written report as per packet. Mr. Breyer provided the following update:

- The ice rink is in place and we are waiting for it to freeze.
- Holiday décor typically remains up until mid-February.

6. Mayor Report – Shawn Keough

Mr. Keough submitted his written report as per packet. Mr. Keough provided the following updates:

- Happy New Year everyone, hope you all had a good Christmas. Thank you all for being here during the holidays.

7. Council Member Reports

a. Council Member Griffin:

- My goal was to document some thoughts. If the links in my memo are not working, I can send them to you.
- I would like us to consider a city-wide survey like the one that was done in 2011. I would like to draft questions and bring them back the first week in January. Mayor Keough suggested having the discussion during one of the goal setting sessions in January.

**K. CONSENT AGENDA:**

1. Consideration of: Bills & Payroll in the amount of: \$276,948.66
2. Consideration of: Proposal from Carlisle-Wortman Associates for Community Development Department Staffing Assistance for an Amount not to Exceed \$6,000

Motion Fisher; support Arab to approve items 1-2 of the Consent Agenda.

Ayes: Arab, Hubbard, Fisher, Griffin, Cousins, Keough

Nays: None

Abstain: Michels

Motion carries

**L. UNFINISHED BUSINESS-Consideration and Discussion of:**

None

**M. NEW BUSINESS-Consideration and Discussion of:**

None

**N. COUNCIL COMMENTS** (paraphrased or summarized by Recording Secretary)

Michels: Reminder, we cannot Zoom in for meetings starting January 1<sup>st</sup>. Public will be allowed. Disappointed there is nothing about the fire station on today's agenda. It could be delayed 6 or 7 years if we only address it once per month.

Cousins: Happy New Year. Hopefully next year will be better.

Fisher: Happy New Year, see you next year.

Hubbard: Nothing, thank you.

Arab: Disappointed Ms. Griffin's information was listed in this packet rather than in January. My points from last meeting's agenda item have been misinterpreted. Last meeting was not recorded so I cannot go back and play it for you. I vowed to serve this country fully and protect its constitution. The recommendation from last meeting's item, to have a disclaimer on our communication, was to help, not go against our 1<sup>st</sup> amendment. I would like us to be able to copy and paste using the same disclaimer. It is very disappointing to see my words under attack on social media. Happy New Year everyone.

Griffin: I stand behind everything I write and send. Thanks Zach, for the reminder about the fire station guiding principles.

Student Representatives:

Gilbert: Happy New Years

Buyukbozkirli: Hope you all had a nice Christmas and Happy New Years

**O. NON-ARRANGED PARTICIPATION**

None

**P. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion Fisher; support Arab to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 PM.

Unanimous voice vote approval.

Respectfully submitted,

Justin Breyer  
City Manager and City Clerk

Approved for Filing: \_\_\_\_\_